

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jin, H.-J. *et al.*

Application No: 10/533,611

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Title: *Templated Native Silk Smectic Gels*

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Examiner: Mondesi, R.B.

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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Examiner Mondesi:

In response to the pending Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, which was mailed 14 December 2007, the Applicants respectfully elect **Group II**, claims 16-23, characterized by the Examiner as “drawn to a method of obtaining predominantly one enantiomer from a mixture of enantiomers.”

However, the Applicants respectfully contend that simultaneous examination of **Group V**, claims 42-46, characterized by the Examiner as “drawn to a method of obtaining predominantly one enantiomer from a mixture of enantiomers of a chiral molecule,” would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. *See* MPEP § 803 (“If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the [E]xaminer must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.”). Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to modify the pending Restriction Requirement, examining claims 16-23 and 42-46 in the instant application.

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